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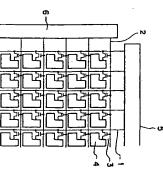
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Liquid crystal display

 A liquid crystal display driven in multiplex with a plurality of pixels arranged in a matrix comprises a main display, and at least one sub-display located at least partly around the periphery of the main display.





BACKGROUND OT THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention

display, and more particularly to a liquid crystal display which enables the optimal display. The present invention relates to a liquid crystal

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crystals have advanced, and liquid crystals have reduced, and partially have been put on the martelevision because the thickness of screen can be are expected for portable television or large-screen liquid crystal. In particular, liquid crystal displays lelevision by making use of the characteristics of been developed as an image display medium to: in recent years, the studies concerning

orientation on the edge of screen. problems inherent to the properties of liquid crystal. One problem is that it has the non-uniform However, the liquid crystal display has several

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the edge of screen tack adjacent pixel electrodes screen is considered due to the fact that pixels on which step may influence the orientation of liquid producing a step in the pixel electrode substrate, This non-uniform orientation on the edge of

trodes on the edge of screen, thereby having el-fects on a portion of the liquid crystal correspondbe influenced by the drive voltage of pixel eleccrystal pixels other than the plxels on the edge of Indistinct display thereon. ing to the pixel electrodes on the edge, causing screen, which can take arbitrary orientations, may Also, even if this step is relieved, the tiquid

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

by resolving problems such as Indistinct Image on the edge of screen in the liquid crystal display. high quality display over an entire area of screen liquid crystal display which can make excellent is an object of the present invention to provide a In the light of the above-described problems, it

can overcome a lacking problem of display on the screen due to insufficient precision in the alignment invention to provide a liquid crystal display which liquid crystal display. tighten the image displayed on a screen of the tion to provide a liquid crystal display which can with a light shielding layer around the periphery of in addition, it is a further object of the present Also, it is another object of the present inven-

to provide a liquid crystal display which allows for a Moreover, it is another object of the invention the display.

sub-display of character information apart from the

matrix, characterized by comprising a main display multiplex, with a plurality of pixels arranged in a provide a liquid crystal display which is driven in around the periphery of said main display. and at least one sub-display located at least partly It is another object of the present invention to

tion to provide a liquid crystal display comprising, a main display having a plurality of pixels ar-Also, it is another object of the present inven

ranged in a matrix, and a sub-display provided at

formation signal displayed in said main display and ᇛ a second Information signal displayed in sald subleast partly around the periphery of said main switch means for selecting between a first ing

said selected information to appear on said display display, and a drive signal processing circuit for enabling

prising, invention to provide a liquid crystal display coma main display having a plurality of pixels ar-

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₽By, ranged in a matrix, and a sub-display provided at least partly around the periphery of said main dis

play, ond information signal displayed on said sub-dissignal displayed on sald main display and a secinput means for inputting a first information

tion signal, storage means for storing said second informa-

nal processing corresponding to said main display based on said first information signal, and a first signal processing circuit for making sig-

play based on sald second information signal. signal processing corresponding to said sub-disa second signal processing circuit for making

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

the present invention. Fig. 1 is a view showing a first embodiment of

embodiment of the present invention. Fig. 2 is a drive circuit diagram in the first

applicable to the first embodiment of the invention Figs. 7, 19A and 19B are views showing a Figs. 3 to 6 are waveform charts which are

second embodiment of the invention. bodiment of invention. Fig. 8 is a circuit diagram of the second em-

ple in the second embodiment of the invention Fig. 9 is a view showing an application exam-

embodiment of the invention. Fig. 10 is a block diagram showing a third

embodiment of the invention Fig. 11 is a block diagram showing a fourth EP 0 558 056 A1

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bination examples in the fifth embodiment of the Figs. 13 to 15 are diagrams showing the com-

embodiment of the invention Fig. 17 is a block diagram showing a seventh 16 is a block diagram showing a sixth

embodiment of the invention embodiment of the invention Fig. 18 is a block diagram showing an eighth

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EMBODIMENTS DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED

A liquid crystal display comprises a main dis-play for displaying the image, and a sub-display sub-display can be also used for the image, if image quality on the main display. However, the as character or black representation to improve the portion not requiring very high image quality such linage or character. The sub-display is used for a displaying the image such as a normal high quality display may be a conventional image display for main display. In the present invention, the main provided at least partly around the periphery of the

least one part of the top and bottom, and left and right of the main display, preferably, around the periphery of the main display. The black reprecrystal. Further, it is possible that besides the main sentation according to the present invention is deacter may be further provided around the periphery tion, a second sub-display for displaying the chardisplay and the sub-display with black representasirably AC driven to prevent the burning of liquid linage by tightening the screen, and provided in at sub-display is effective to raise the distinctness of In particular, the black representation in the

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drive circuits. can be driven asynchronously by using separate the sub-display may be driven synchronously, but In the present invention, the main display and

no decrease in the precision of the alignment with degradation in the display characteristics on the the present invention is preferably wider to prevent display lines can offer sufficient effects, and yields screen, but the width of about five to six scan or radation to be prevented almost completely Normally, ten or more lines allows the above dega light shielding layer as will be described later The region of black representation according to

lines making up at least one character may be satisfied, but in view of the above-mentioned deg-radation problem, substantially ten or more lines in displaying characters, the number of scar

color filter in the region of black representation. the color display, it is preferable to also provide the invention, when the black representation is made in with the coloration of those filters. In the present opposed electrode substrate for each pixel to corgreen (G), red (R) and blue (B), provided on an display has the color filters of three colors, i.e. tion is also applicable to a color display. The colo respond in sequence to make a multi-color display The liquid crystal display of the present inven

20 improvement in the manufacturing yields representation region is facilitated, resulting in the alignment of the light shielding layer with the black portion of the light shielding layer. In this way, the black representation may be defined by an opening er can extend beyond the black representation region, wherein the display area except for the black representation region. This light shielding layopposed electrode substrate corresponding to the screen by providing a light shielding layer on the representation, it is possible to further tighten the In the present invention, in making the black

30 25 and the interval between each pixel electrode, are preferably equal in both the main display and the sub-display, and between both displays, although the size and shape, and the interval, are not necdisplay so as to give rise to substantially uniform as on the other portion than the edge of the main display has the same characteristics of orientation tion of liquid crystal on the edge of the main essarily equal. It is only necessary that the orienta-In the present invention, the size and shape of

Embodiments

scribed below in connection with the embodiments, but is not limited to those embodiments. The present invention will be specifically de-

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Embodiment 1

50 5 3 is a TFT element, 4 is a pixel electrode, 5 is a is applicable. A device of Fig. 1 is a liquid crystal display of the active matrix drive type in which a a first embodiment to which the present invention horizontal shift register, and 6 is a vertical shift 1 is a display (signal) line, 2 is a scan (signal) line. transistor) is provided for each pixel. In the figure, switching element consisting of a TFT (thin film Fig. 1 shows a schematic constitutional view of

liquid crystal display. In the figure, 7 is an image signal input terminal, 8 is a black level signal a pulse generator, 11 is a chroma signal line, terminal, 9 is a Y/C signal processing circuit, 10 is Fig. 2 shows a drive circuit diagram of the

> (liquid crystal panel), 18 is a vertical blanking pulse signal line, and 19 is a horizontal blanking pulse cessing circuit, 17 is an LCD with shift register color signal converter), 16 is a drive signal a bright signal, 13 is a switching line, 14 is an signat line. signal line, and 19 is a horizontal blanking analog switch, 15 is an RGB decoder primary

output waveform of the analog switch in the second of the analog switch in the first field, and 47 is an pulse in the first field, 45 is a horizontal blanking vertical blanking pulse, 44 is a horizontal blanking signal, 42 is a second field bright signal, 43 is a behaviors of some signals near the vertical blan-king period. In the figure, 41 is a first field bright 36, 37 have the same value. Also, Fig. 4 shows the waveform, 35 is a reference voltage, and 36 and 37 zontal blanking pulse, 34 is an analog switch output 32 is a black level signal waveform, 33 is a horiof Fig. 2. In Fig. 3, 31 is a bright signal waveform pulse in the second field, 48 is an output waveform are black level voltages. Normally, the potentials Figs. 3 and 4 are waveform charts of the circuit

logical sum of horizontal blanking signals 33, 44, 45 and a vertical blanking signal 43 which are generated by the pulse generator 10. Accordingly, tively. The bright signals 31, 41, 42 are input to the analog switch 14. The analog switch 14 is controlled by a signal on the switching line 13 to select signal generator 10 on the other hand. The image signal of the Y/C signal processing circuit 9 is signal input terminal 7 is input Into the Y/C for driving the LCD, and then sent to the LCD 17. processing circult 18 to make the signal processing primary color signal is input into the drive signal 15 for the conversion into an RGB signal. Each 46, 47. This signal and a chroma signal through the chroma signal line 11 are input to an RGB decoder periods, as represented in the waveform charts 34 blanking periods, and a bright signal in other black level signal in the vertical and horizontal the waveform output via the analog switch 14 is a "L" level. The signal on the switching line 13 is a "H" level, and the bright signals 31, 41, 42 when at tevel signal input terminal 8 when the signal is at a black level signal 32 to be input via the black which are output to signal lines 11, 12, respecseparated into a bright signal and a chroma signal processing circuit 9 on one hand, and the pulse In Fig. 2, an image signal input via the image signal

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around the periphery of the image display. The start pulse for such shift register is issued at an output a portion to be driven by a black level signal number of black level drive pixels, respectively, to register 6 in Fig. 1), have more stages by the in Fig. 1) and a scan line shift register (vertical shift display line shift register (horizontal shift register 5 The shift registers of the LCD 17. that is, a

> region could not be represented in black.
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> Likewise, if the start pulse of the scan line shift is sampled. Accordingly, the sub-display on the left of display line, so that the range as Indicated by 52 earlier timing by the number of black level drive pixels, such as a waveform 51 of Fig. 5 in the case range was as indicated by 54, so that the intended black. Conventionally, the start pulse of the shift and right hands of screen can be represen register occurred at a position 53, and the sampling

and bottom of the screen can be represented waveform 61 in Fig. 6, the sub-display on the top lines to be scanned by the black level, such as a register is made earlier by the number of Scan

Embodiment 2

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entation of liquid crystal can be held uniform, re-sulting in Improved distinctness of image on the a dummy color filter corresponding to the subbranes, 75 is a seal member, 76 is a liquid crystal present invention. This embodiment is a color edge of the main display 81. display 82 in an opposed electrode plate, the orirepresentation. As in this embodiment, by providing main display, and 82 is a sub-display for the black is a parting plate, 80 is a polarizing plate, 81 is a 77 is an opposed electrode, 78 is a color filter, 79 electrode, 74 and 74' are orientation control memstrate, 72 to 72" are insulation layers, 73 is a pixel switching element. In the figure, 71 is a TFT subplay of the active matrix type using a TFT Fig. 7 shows a second embodiment of

å signal input terminal, 84 is a black level signal input terminal, 85 is an RGB decoder, 86 is a pulse circuit, and 89 is an LCD panel. generator, 87 is an analog switch, 88 is a drive but not a bright signal. In the figure, 83 is an image black level signal is made through an RGB signal, which the switching of the image signal and the Fig. 8 shows a circuit in this embodiment in

sub-display areas, where a light shielding layer is further provided in this embodiment. In the figure, display, and can limit the sub-display. black representation region 93 inwardly of the main figure, the light shielding layer 92 extends from the and 93 is a black representation region. In 91 is a main display, 92 is a light shielding layer Further, Fig. 9 shows the main display and

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it is not necessary to put together both arrange-ments. Fig. 19A shows a device example in which the pixel arrangement of the main display is difdisplay and the sub-display, respectively, may be taken among several RGB pixel arrangements, but can be made by using the coloration. In a color display, the arrangements appropriate for the main In this embodiment, the black representation

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for the display purposes, the image quality can be this way, by taking the optimal pixel arrangement 191 is a main display, and 192 is a sub-display. In ferent from that of the sub-display. In the figure

device example is shown in Fig. 19B. In the figure, 191 is a main display, and 192 is a sub-display. play character information in black and white. This the main display may display the image except for character information to be read more clearly. The sub-display formed in black and white can have a greater definition than in color, allowing the characters in color, and the sub-display may dis-In this embodiment, it will be appreciated that

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Embodiment 3

stal display of the dot matrix type. In Fig. 10, 101 is a black level signal input terminal, 102 is an image and 112 is a signal level generator. 110 is a signal side multiplexer, 111 is a level shift. 108 is an LCD panel, 109 is a scan level generator, 106 is a level shift, 107 is a scan side multiplexer, is a drive signal generator, 105 is a togic converter, signal input terminal, 103 is a pulse generator, 104 present invention. This embodiment is a liquid cry-Fig. 10 shows a third embodiment 으

and with an image signal from the scan side mul-tiplexer 107, the area of the LCD panel 108 except at certain timings. and lower edges of the LCD panel 108 is scanned for the scan lines corresponding to both the upper both the left and right edges of the LCD panel 108. multiplexer 110 to signal lines corresponding to black level signal is supplied from the signal side In this case, like the previous embodiments, a

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generator. And in accordance with a signal from corresponding to one scanning or one screen, either the black level signal or the image signal is the scan level signal and the signal tevel signal is the logic converter 105, the generation timing for supplied to the logic converter 105 by the pulse That is, in accordance with an image signal

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an excellent image without degradation on edges of the image. yn. With this embodiment, it is possible to display with the mbodiment of the management of the with t

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signal input terminal, 114 is a Y/C signal processing circuit, 115 is a pulse signal generator, 116 is a except for characters. In Fig. 11, 113 is an image formation and the main display displays the image Fig. 11 shows a fourth embodiment of the present invention. This embodiment is a device in which the sub-display displays the character in-(read only memory)

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age to be displayed distinctly, because they are allows both the character information and the imblack representation, is enabled. This embodiment this circuit, the output state of no character, e.g. responding data can be output from the ROM. With trolled by an external control signal, so that corcharacters to be displayed on the screen are conis an LCD panel. In this embodiment, the kinds of is an RGB decoder, 120 is a drive circuit, and 121 118 is an external control signal input terminal, 116 independently displayed from each other.

25 circuit of the main display, 132 is a main display ROM, 128 is a signal processing circuit, 128 and 130 are clock pulse generators, 131 is a drive detector, 126 is a signal processing circuit, 127 is a control signal input terminal, 124 is an image signal is an image signal input terminal, 123 is an external that is, independently of each other. In Fig. 12, 122 and the sub-display can be driven asynchronously main display. In this embodiment, the main display for the character information to be displayed in the displayed in the sub-display, and the image except bodiment according to the present invention. This LCD, and 133 is a sub-display LCD. embodiment allows the character information to be

the main display and the sub-display in this embodiment. In the figure, 134 is a horizontal shift register for sub-display having a start pulse input main display having a start pulse input terminel \$x\$ and transfer clock input terminals \$\mathbb{g}_{\text{CLX}1}\$ and \$\mathbb{g}_{\text{CLX}2}\$.

141 is a video signal (display signal for main disvertical shift register for main display having a start sub-display having a start pulse øpy and transfer clock input terminals øctors and øctors. 138 is a Øctox1 and Øctox2. 135 is a display signal input terminal Øbx and transfer clock input terminats for main display, and 140 is a shift register for terminats Øcty, and Øctys. 139 is a sample holder pulse input terminal by and transfer clock input sub-display, and 137 is a vertical shift register for terminal for sub-display, 136 is sample holder for Figs. 13 to 15 show combination examples of

is provided about the main display, Fig. 14 is an example in which the sub-display is provided side and/or the right side, on the lower side, on the upper side and the left side, or on the upper side an example in which the sub-display is provided these, the sub-display can be provided on the left around the periphery of the main display. Besides above and under the main display, and Fig. 15 is Fig. 13 is an example in which the sub-display

> black representation peripherally, so that the image quality can be improved as a whole. formation, if operated asynchronously with the main this device, the sub-display for the character inthe sub-display b 202 displays character informa-tion in asynchronism with the main display 201. In tion in synchronous with the main display 201, and of the device. In the figure, 201 is a main display, 202 is a sub-display a, and 203 is a sub-display b. driven asynchronously. Fig. 20 shows an example play, and the sub-display for the character may be may be driven synchronously with the main disdriven synchronously with the main display and a sub-display which is driven asynchronously thereblack and character representations are concur higher definition, and the main display has the display for the image, can be provided with a The sub-display a 202 makes the black representewith, the sub-display for the black representation rently made by combining a sub-display which is In the present invention, for example, when the

Embodiment 6

are both short-circuited in this embodiment. in which the scan line side and the display line side generator, 168 is a main display LCD, and 169 is a sub-display LCD. Fig. 18 shows a device example circuit, 167 is a control signal (e.g., clock) signal signal generator, 164 is a signal processing circuit, Image signal detector, 163 is a sub-display drive 18, 161 is an image signal input terminal, 162 is an without intervention of any shift register, so that each pixel is driven with the same signal. In Fig. Fig. 16 shows a sixth embodiment of the present invention. This embodiment has a circuit in 165 is a clock pulse generator, 166 is a drive short-circuited to one or more transmission lines, and/or the scan signat lines in the sub-display are which in the embodiment 5, the display signal lines

driven in asynchronism with the main display, and displays no image, unlike the main display, the signal line without play in making the black representation may be of any large circult. presentation can be implemented without the use holder. Accordingly, the sub-display for black reany circuit such as a shift register and a sample In this embodiment, nothing that the sub-dis-

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Embodiment 7

divided into a plurality of diversions. In the figure, bodiment is a device for displaying the image such as a still image in which the sub-display is subment according to the present invention. This em-171 is an image signal input terminal, 172 is an Fig. 17 shows a circuit of a seventh embodi-

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a drive circuit, 180 is a signal processing circuit is a signal processing circuit, 176 is a trame memory, 177 and 178 are clock pulse generators. image signal detector, 174 is a control circuit, 175 181 is a main display LCD and 182 is a subexternal control signal input terminal, 173 is an

memory 176 is output to the sub-display. the frame memory 176 for storing image informa-tion is used, wherein the information in the frame for storing the character as previously described In this embodiment, in place of a ROM used

20 35 possible to further tighten the main display.

The liquid crystal display of the invention atsub-display LCD 182 around the periphery of the main display LCD 181, the main display LCD 181 tion, except when otherwise required, so that it is sub-display LCD is supplied with the black informathereof. Also, like the previous embodiments, the can make more excellent display on the edge Note that in this embodiment, by providing the

lows the uniform and distinct image to be dis-played on the entire area of screen including the edges thereof by providing a sub-display.

Also, by allowing the sub-display to display character information, separately from the main display and the sub-display are play, both the main display and the sub-display are easier to view, resulting in high qualities of display

g formation and others to be displayed in the optimal condition, as with the teletaxl in the television provided a device for allowing the character inbroadcasting According to the present invention, there is

35 may be different from that in the main display either in the dot matrix or the segment form. Note that the shape of pixel in the sub-display

â of the present invention. White the present invention has been described, it will be understood that various changes and combinations may be made within the scope

a pluratity of pixels arranged in a matrix comprises a main display, and at least one sub-display cated at least partly around the periphery of A liquid crystal display driven in multiplex with

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- A liquid crystal display which is driven in mulmatrix, characterized by comprising a main teast party around the periphery of said main display, and at least one sub-display located at tiplex with a plurality of pixels arranged in a
- 'n The liquid crystal display according to claim 1, characterized in that said sub-display always makes black representation

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- The liquid crystal display according to claim 1, characterized in that said sub-display displays The liquid crystal display according to claim 1. characterized in that said main display and character information.
- The liquid crystal display according to claim 1. characterized in that said main display and said sub-display are synchronously driven.

said sub-display are asynchronously driven.

- The liquid crystal display according to claim 1, and a sub-display driven asynchronously driven synchronously with said main display characterized by comprising a sub-display 3
- The liquid crystal display according to claim 5, play driven asynchronously displays the character information. held in black representation and said sub-dissynchronously with said main display is always characterized in that said sub-display driven 20
- The liquid crystal display according to claim 2, provided on a region of an opposed electrode substrate at least corresponding to the black characterized in that a light shielding tayer is representation of said sub-display છ
- The liquid crystal display according to claim 8, tion are defined by an opening portion of said light shielding layer provided on said opposed characterized in that said main display and said sub-display not making black representa-

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The liquid crystal display according to claim 1, characterized in that said opposed electrode substrate has color filters corresponding to pix-

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- 11. A liquid crystal display comprising:
- a main display having a plurality of pixels arranged in a matrix, and a sub-display pro-vided at least partly around the periphery of said main display;
- in said sub-display; and play and a second information signal displayed information signal displayed in said main disswitch means for selecting between a first

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said display. abling said selected information to appear on a drive signal processing circuit for en-

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The Ilquid crystal display according to claim 11, comprising signal generating means for

- switching said switch means
- The liquid crystal display according to clair. corresponding to said first information signal. 11, wherein said switch means is switched
- 14. The liquid crystal display according to claim blanking pulse signel and a vertical blanking pulse signal based on said first information signal, and a logical sum circuit for those signal. als a pulse generator for generating a horizontal 12, wherein said signal generating means has

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- The liquid crystal display according to claim
 wherein said first information signal has a bright signal.
- 16. The liquid crystal display according to claim RGB signal. 13, wherein said first information signal has an
- 17. The liquid crystal display according to claim display have different pixel arrangements.

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- The liquid crystal display according to claim
 wherein said main display and said subdisplay have different pixel shapes.
- 19. The liquid crystal display according to claim is a segment 18, wherein the pixel shape of said sub-display
- The liquid crystal display according to claim
 wherein said filter is a filter for color display. 20 The liquid crystal display according to claim filters corresponding to pixels. 11, wherein said main display is provided with
- The liquid crystal display according to claim 11, wherein said main display and said sub-
- ers display are correspondingly provided with fil-

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- The liquid crystal display according to claim 22, wherein said filter is constituted of color filters of R, G, B.
- The liquid crystal display according to claim 11, wherein said main display and said subdisplay each have filters corresponding to colors of R, G, B, and have different filter arrange

- 25. The liquid crystal display according to claim black level signal. 11, wherein said second information signal is a
- 26. The fiquid crystal display according to claim character information signal. 11, wherein said second information signal is a
- 27. The Itquid crystal display according to claim 11, wherein said second information signal is an image signal different from said first information signal. ö
- 28. A liquid crystal display comprising:

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- a main display having a plurality of pixels arranged in a matrix, and a sub-display prosaid main display: vided at least partly around the periphery of
- sub-display; second information signal displayed on said signal displayed on said main display and a input means for inputting a first information 20
- formation signal; storage means for storing said second in-
- the signal processing corresponding to said main display based on said first information signal; and a first signal processing circuit for making

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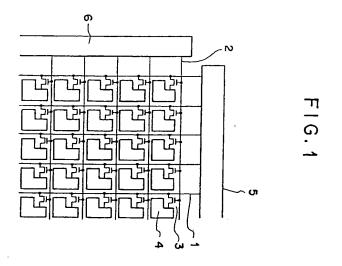
- ing the signal processing corresponding to said sub-display based on said second information signal. a second signal processing circuit for mak-ಕ
- 29. The liquid crystal display according to claim character information 28, wherein said second information signal is g
- The liquid crystal display according to claim
 wherein sald second information signal is image information.

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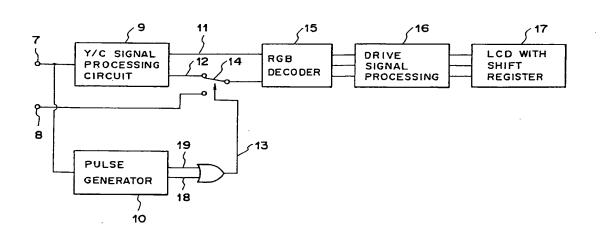
- 31. The liquid crystal display according to claim memory. 28, wherein sald storage means is a frame
- 32. The liquid crystal display according to claim 28, wherein said storage means is a random access memory

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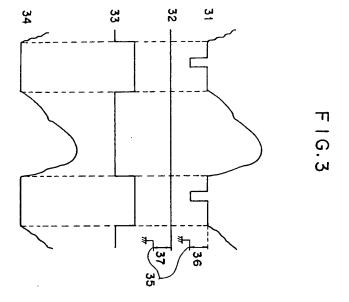
- 33. The liquid crystal display according to claim display are operated asynchronously. 28, wherein said main display and said sub-8
- 34. The liquid crystal display according to claim display are operated synchronously. 28, wherein said main display and said sub-55

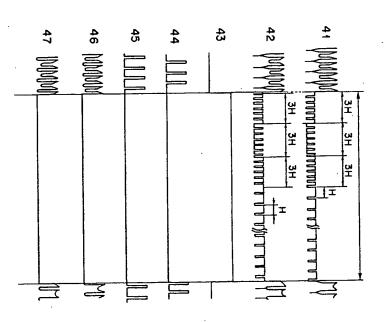


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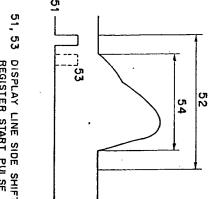
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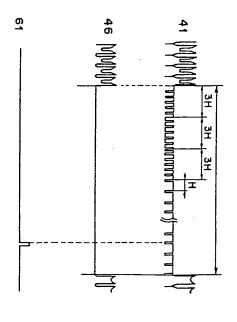


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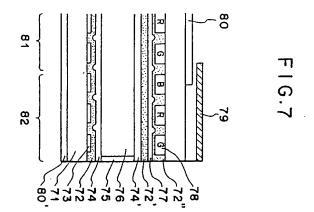


51, 53 DISPLAY LINE SIDE SHIFT REGISTER START PULSE 52, 54 SAMPLING REGION

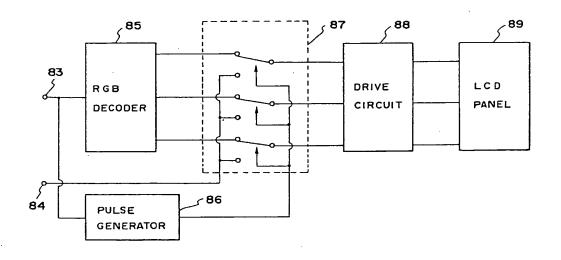


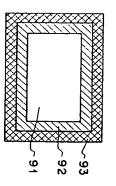
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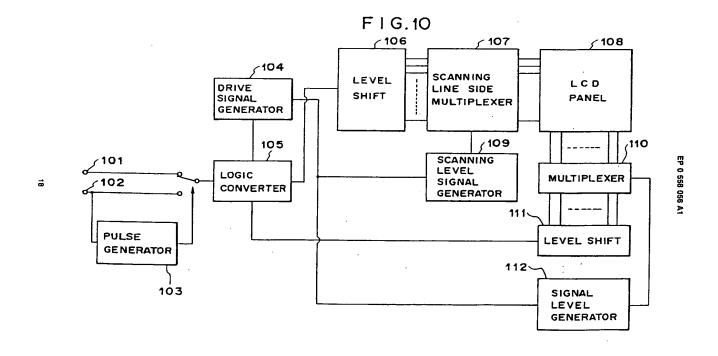


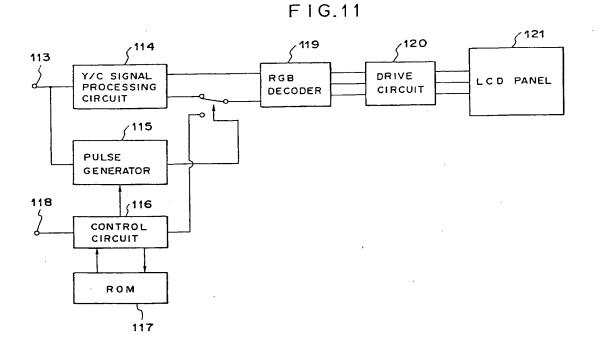
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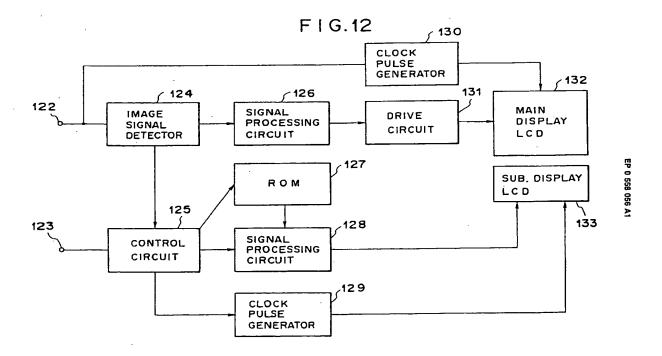




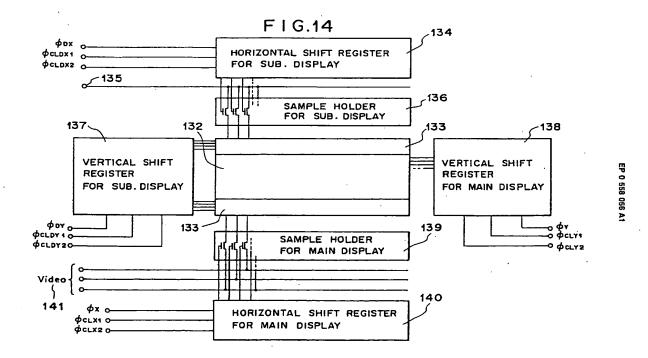
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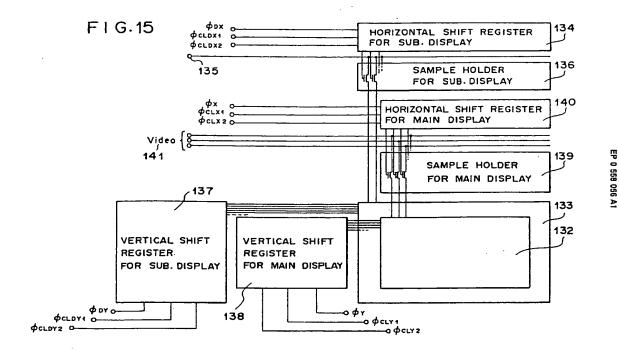




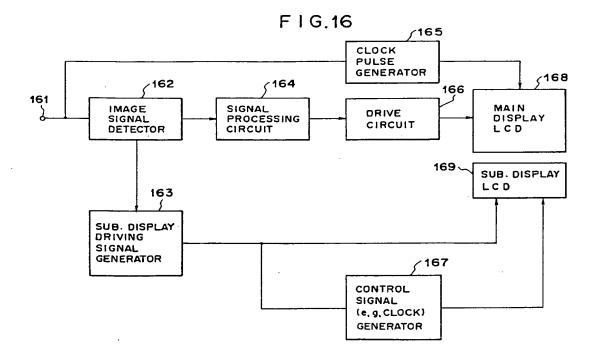
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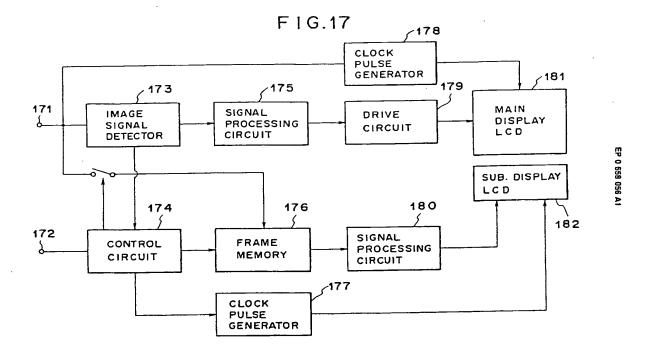


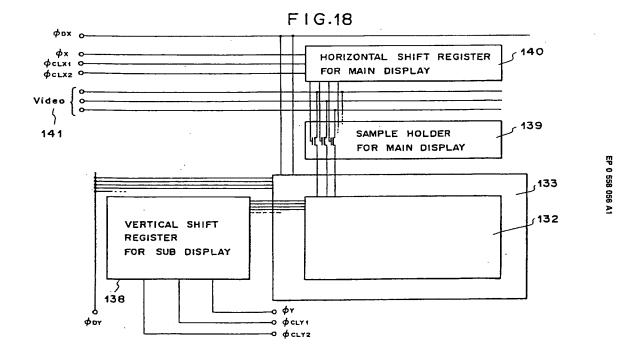
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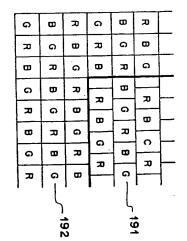


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